IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE AND METHOD FOR

RECOGNIZING FORGED BANK NOTES

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 18, 2010

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 18, 2010 in the above application.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

An English language translation of the priority document DE 103 60 859.1, and a certification that the translation is accurate, are also concurrently submitted herewith.